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KC MAN, WOMAN INDICTED IN METH CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man and woman were indicted by a federal grand jury today for participating in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

Joshua M. Gautney, 20, and **Alice M. Maurer**, 21, both of Kansas City, were charged in a three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the indictment alleges that **Gautney** and **Maurer** participated in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine on July 25 and 26, 2005.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Gautney** and **Maurer** distributed methamphetamine on July 25, 2005, in Jackson County, Mo.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Gautney** and **Maurer** distributed 50 grams or more of methamphetamine on July 26, 2005, in Jackson County.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney W. Brent Powell. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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